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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A keyboard and multi-line display assembly includes a liquid  
crystal display and a keyboard having a plurality of keys. At least one  
key of the keyboard is coupled to the display for contrast control,  
bypassing a processor of the assembly to which the other keys of the  
keyboard are coupled for data entry. The contrast control key, which is  
coupled to the display by a digital potentiometer, allows a user to adjust  
the contrast of the display on the fly without having to exit a data entry  
10 mode or to enter a set-up mode.